

test specimens to VDA 275, is not more than 50% of the formaldehyde emission of a colored molding composition for which the polyacetal copolymer was prepared using BF_3 as the initiator.

24. The process as claimed in claim 16, wherein the formaldehyde emission, determined on test specimens to VDA 275, is less than 10 mg/kg.

Al 25. A process for reducing the formaldehyde emission of colored molding compositions made from polyacetal copolymer, which comprises preparing a polyacetal copolymer consisting essentially of oxymethylene units and oxyethylene units, using trifluoromethanesulfonic acid and/or a derivative of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid as an initiator, mixing the polyacetal copolymer with at least one colorant selected from the group consisting of white pigments, black pigments and color pigments, and obtaining a colored polyacetal molding composition whose emission of formaldehyde is lower than from a molding composition for which the polyacetal copolymer was prepared using a Lewis acid as initiator.

26. The process as claimed in claim 25, wherein when the initiator is added in a solvent.- -

REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment be entered prior to fee calculation and examination. The applicants have rewritten claims 4-10 into proper U.S. form as newly added claims 16-26.

Claims 1-3, 8 and 11-25 are now in this case. Claims 1, 15 and 25 are the only independent claims. There are a total of 20 claims and 3 independent claims.

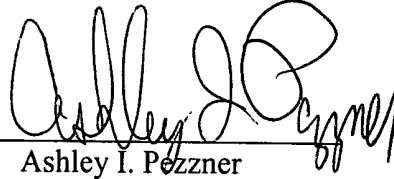
No additional fee is required for the claims. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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